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Timely Tidbits ...

Nominations Sought for Person of the Year

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking nominations for its 22nd Person of the Year award. Nominees must be individuals who have made significant contributions to Romulus and its residents.

The award recipient will be honored with a special ceremony some time in March 2007.

Those wishing to submit a nomination should provide a biographical synopsis of the nominee as well as a brief statement about the person's qualifications for the award. Nomination forms – which must be returned no later than December 15, 2006 – may be picked up at the Chamber's new office (11189 Shook, Suite C) or downloaded from the group's Web site: www.romuluschamber.org.

For more information, please call 734-893-0694.

Second School Budget Meeting Set

Citizens interested in participating in the Romulus Community Schools' budget development process for the 2007–2008 school year are invited to attend the second public meeting on the subject, which will be held at the district's administrative office (36540 Grant Road) on Monday, November 27, at 4 p.m.

For more information, call executive secretary Carole Bales at 734-532-1610.

Energy Assistance for Families in Need

The Michigan Public Service Commission has given the DCC (Downriver Community Conference) \$500,000 to be used for energy assistance for low-income households in southern Wayne County and Monroe. The funds will be available beginning January 1, 2007.

Individuals needing assistance with home heating bills are encouraged to contact the DCC at 734-362-3475. □

Annual Tree Lighting, Goodfellows Newspaper Drive Will Kick Off City's 2006 Holiday Season

The City of Romulus will kick off the 2006 holiday season with its annual tree-lighting ceremony and Goodfellows newspaper drive.

Santa Arrives for Tree-lighting

The holiday season doesn't get its official start until Santa Claus makes his arrival just in time for the City's tree-lighting ceremony on December 1.

The fun will begin at Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street near the post office) at 5 p.m., when the Romulus Historical Commission and the Romulus Historical Society will open the museum and historic Kingsley house – both decorated for the season – to the public. The Golden Griffon Stringtet will provide entertainment in the Kingsley house, and refreshments will be served in the museum.

At 6 p.m., Santa will arrive at Historic Park, where Mayor Alan R. Lambert will present him with a "key to the city" and enlist his help to light the city tree.

Afterward, the Romulus Progressive Club is inviting everyone to Progressive Hall (located at 11580 Ozga Road, near Five Points), where Santa will listen to

children's wishes. Other attractions will include a train exhibit courtesy of the Lincoln Park Train Club (formerly the Trenton Train Club), and entertainment, refreshments, and kiddie gift bags courtesy of the Romulus Recreation Department. Photos with Santa will be available for \$2 each. The remainder of the program is free to Romulus residents.

Remembering Our Neighbors in Need

The Romulus Goodfellows newspaper drive will be conducted on Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, at intersections throughout the city. Please give generously; your donations will benefit your neighbors in need.

Of course, additional donations of new, unwrapped toys, as well as non-perishable food, clothing, and/or cash or gift certificates, are also welcome. They can be dropped off at Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road).

Sign-ups for Goodfellows packages will be accepted from November 27 through December 5 only. Photo ID and proof of income are required. Applications will be available at Fire Station #4 and City Hall (11111 Wayne Road).



Leaia Gilkey was one of many volunteers who braved the cold last year to raise money for the Romulus Goodfellows. Watch for this year's volunteers on local street corners December 1–2.

Early registration is strongly urged. Call 734-941-8585 for more information.

More holiday programs on page 12.

Fortune Wins MIEM Crystal Award for Outstanding Service

Barth Elementary secretary Barbara Fortune was recently honored with a Michigan Institute for Educational Management (MIEM) Crystal Award at the organization's state conference, held at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Fortune – one of only two Crystal Award recipients statewide, according to Romulus Community Schools spokesperson Dick Kruse – was recognized for her excellence in "customer service" to Barth students, parents, and staff members. MIEM officials praised Fortune for her friendly demeanor, expertise in medical assistance to students, involvement in a variety of school projects and programs, and extended community involvement with the students and their families.

Barth principal Diane Golka noted, "Barb has often attended special occasions for former students, including award ceremonies and family gatherings. She has also been involved with Barth's evening programs, such as our school fair, the Halloween Spooktacular, and kindergarten orientation programs.

Most importantly, Barb is always there for everyone at Barth, and an important member of our school team.

"We appreciate everything that Barb

Fortune has done for our school, and everyone extends their best wishes and congratulates her for receiving the award," she added. □



Barth Elementary School secretary Barbara Fortune (second from left) received one of only two Crystal Awards given by the MIEM statewide. Among those joining Fortune as she received her prestigious award were (from left) Christina Angell (education sales manager, Office Depot), Diane Golka (principal, BES), and Denise Bills (paraprofessional, BES).

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity.

Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. All letters requesting anonymity will be treated confidentially, regardless of whether or not they are printed.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

DiPietro Congratulates Green, Thanks Supporters

To the Editor:

I offer my congratulations to my recent opponent, 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green, on her successful re-election victory. I wish her well in her next term of office.

To those 5,000+ independent voters who cast their ballot for me, my heartfelt gratitude goes out to you. Your vote, in the face of huge opposition from the political parties and elected officials of this district, is truly humbling, and I thank you sincerely.

To the members of my campaign committee and workers, I deeply appreciate the time taken from your families and jobs to help in this campaign. Our platoon-sized group took on battalion-strength opposition and stood its ground, and you managed to bring over 5,000 people our message. Your support was impressive, and you and my family deserve more gratitude than I can express in this medium. You could have given up against these odds, but you did not. I am grateful for your commitment, service, and sacrifice.

Thomas K. DiPietro
Van Buren Township

Clark Should Let Crout Fight His Own Battles

To the Editor:

What is John Clark's real problem with Mayor Alan Lambert? With each of his letters to *The Romulus News*, it seems more obvious to me and many other residents that the rumors are true: Mr. Clark's friend, Councilman Harry Crout, has personal issues with Mayor Lambert because of the mayor's refusal to hire one of his relatives. If not, then we don't understand.

Mayor Lambert has provided this community with outstanding leadership during his tenure. Think back a couple of years to the building that used to house our recreation department and senior citizens, then take a few minutes to tour our beautiful new senior center, and drive around the corner to look at what will soon be our new recreation center.

These are just two of the projects that Mayor Lambert has been able to accomplish while in office. He is doing what we put him there to do. I trust his judgment, and that is why I voted for him and will continue to do so. It is apparent to me and to many of my neighbors that he loves his community, and always does what he feels is in our best interest.

Unfortunately, I also voted for Councilman Crout, but I won't do so again.

I think that Mr. Clark should let Councilman Crout work out his personal issues with the mayor on his own, and quit wasting the mayor's time so that he can do what he does best: run our city.

Louise Strohschein
Romulus

Mayor Alan Lambert Responds to Clark Letter

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to a letter written by John Clark and published in your last edition (November 3, 2006).

Once again, Mr. Clark is deceiving the public with total falsehoods and inaccuracies. He said that the City of Romulus had a contract with DAVCO and Associates, but that is simply *not true*.

Mr. Clark also said that the two men representing DAVCO are personal friends of mine – again, *not true*. These men are local businessmen, and my association with them is strictly professional.

It is important to note that these businessmen approached the City at a council meeting under the petitioners' section of the agenda. I had nothing to do with their appearance at that council meeting. In fact, during our most recent council meeting, Councilman William Crova confirmed that these gentlemen approached City leaders as petitioners.

The City Council took action that it deemed appropriate in light of the natural gas prices at the time when it approved the Lakeshore contract. I did not take the request to Council, nor did I recommend it. They appeared as petitioners, and were not paid by the City of Romulus for their services.

Not only did I not take this item to Council, but I also do not, and did not, vote on this issue or any other issues.

At the time that this contract was awarded, the Council made a wise decision in locking down pricing, which allowed us to properly budget for usage. I have no doubt in my mind that Council safeguarded our citizens' best interests.

I personally don't know where Mr. Clark gets his information, but I do know it is untrue. I suggest that he take more time to learn the real facts before he talks about people who work hard each day to make sure that Romulus residents receive the best possible City services.

In 2005 alone, America spent \$501 billion on energy – including gasoline, motor oil, fuel oil, coal, natural gas, and electricity – marking the first time in our

nation's history that we spent over half a trillion dollars on energy. Some forecasters are predicting that costs will rise again. Your City employees are working hard to see that we save as much money as we can, whenever we can, and that is exactly what occurred when this agreement took place.

Mr. Clark, I urge you and Councilman Harry Crout to check the facts before you criticize my office, my administration, or the City Council. Most residents who know Councilman Crout have come to realize that he has a personal agenda and vendetta against the mayor's office.

The election held on November 3 stands as a clear indicator that voters are smarter than you think. Our residents have both the intelligence and the common sense to discern the difference between actual facts and outrageous falsehoods. I have every confidence that our residents are onto you and Councilman Crout, and realize why you keep sending ridiculous letters to this publication.

Mayor Alan R. Lambert
City of Romulus

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Guest Commentary

A Thank You and a Pledge for the Future

*By the Honorable Tina Brooks Green,
Chief Judge, 34th District Court*

Following the tremendous outpouring of support that I received from Romulus voters on November 3, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere thanks. I also wanted to renew my pledge to perform my duties with honesty and fairness, and to continue my support of the many community-minded programs offered by the 34th District Court.

The Court—one of the busiest in the State—is located in the City of Romulus, and serves the communities of Romulus, Huron, Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpster. My colleagues—Judge Brain A. Oakley and Judge David M. Parrott—and I believe that our duty to those we serve extends beyond the bench. To that end, we have worked to make the 34th District Court an active partner with all of the communities it serves.

The Court operates a work program seven days a week. This allows individuals to repay their debt to the community by helping with efforts that range from trash pickup to major projects such as building a community playscape. The Romulus Historical Society, for instance, regularly benefits from the program. The court continues to seek input from venues and/or individuals for new ideas for the work program. Additionally, in recent years, the Court has helped the City of Romulus with its Chore Program. Managed by the Romulus Senior Center, this grant program provides funding for a supervisor to oversee individuals who help the elderly with snow removal

and various outside jobs.

In addition to the work program, the Court administers three specialty programs, which concentrate on juveniles, domestic-violence repeat offenders, and drug and alcohol repeat offenders. These programs are divided between the three judges, and are carefully monitored by the probation department. All programs are held in open courtrooms, and the judges encourage citizens to come and observe your court at work.

Furthermore, the judges emphasize the education of our youth. Every year, on Law Day, the Court holds mock trials that pair senior citizens with senior high school students. Everyone has fun and learns a great deal about the legal system. Field trips are another frequent occurrence at the Court. Classes come and observe the proceedings, and are given a tour of the building, including the lockup facility. The judges all take time to talk with the students, discussing the cases before them and answering any questions. Additionally, every courtroom displays numerous pictures that were drawn by students from the community. This emphasis on the arts is a joint effort between the Court and the Belleville Arts Council.

The 34th District Court works for you. It doesn't just have to be a place that you come if you're in trouble. It can be educational for your children. It can be a resource if you have questions regarding the judicial process. Most importantly, it's a place that makes decisions that affect your daily lives.

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Editor's note: The "Guest Commentary" column is open to responsible individuals and spokespersons who wish to share their viewpoints on topics of interest to the people who live and work in Romulus. For more information, contact Kristi Stephens at 734-941-1907. □

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Airport Cell Phone Lane Is Too Little, Too Late

To the Editor:

Your November 3, 2006 issue (Vol. 20, No. 8), which included a story about Detroit Metro Airport's new cell-phone waiting lane, was passed to me by a friend.

This summer, I was the victim of a "sting operation" where about eight people were pulled over at the McNamara Terminal by an irate cop who had obvious Nazi training for the heinous crime of trying to find a place to sit and wait for incoming passengers. The cops had flashing lights everywhere, and weren't letting anyone get anywhere near the curb.

I drove around and around. Finally, I lined up on the shoulder with others, as my friend Mark had just called me on his cell phone and informed me that he was nearing the curb. As I began to pull out, this maniac in a uniform began screaming at me and ordering me over to the curb. (Where we had been waiting, we were totally out of the way. Where he ordered us to pull over, we were blocking an entire lane of traffic.)

It took him 20 minutes to write 8 tickets, and Mark couldn't figure out where I had disappeared to. By the time I picked him up, the terminal was deserted.

When I paid the \$40 ticket, I asked if anyone had ever heard of a cell-phone lot like the one at the airport near my winter home in Florida. The McNamara Terminal is brand new; was it designed by folks living in the 1930s? That's definitely the era of the cop who ticketed me.

I guess I should just be glad that they finally got the message. (It'll hold 30 cars?! Why not 200 cars?!)

Next time, Mark will take a taxi. It's cheaper, and much less stressful.

Randy Mason
Dearborn

Band Boosters, District Purchase New Uniforms

To the Editor:

After several years of working toward the goal, the Romulus Band Boosters are excited to announce that new uniforms are being ordered for the Romulus Eagles Marching Band for the 2007-2008 school year!

After thoughtful negotiation, the Romulus Board of Education has agreed to share 50% of the cost (\$15,000). The Romulus Band Boosters will pay the remaining amount, which will total between \$15,000 and \$18,000.

The current uniforms are 15 years old, literally falling apart in some cases, and desperately in need of replacement. Historically, the school district does not have a replacement program for the uniforms, which creates the need for volunteer assistance.

There are several fund-raisers underway and/or in the planning stages, and we urge the entire Romulus community to 'band together' to support his effort. They include:

- a Holiday Craft Show, to be held at Romulus High School on Saturday, December 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (tables still available; call Christina Lefler at 734-955-1662 or 776-3569), and
- a catalog-type sale conducted by students at the High School.

Finally, our Marching Band (which won first place last year when it participated in this) has been invited to participate in the City of Trenton's Annual Christmas Parade and Holiday Walk, which will be held on Saturday, December 2. We are very proud of our bands!

Rob McLachlan
Romulus

Editor's note: For a peek at the new uniforms, see the bottom-right photo on page 11. □

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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity from Monday, October 30, through Sunday, November 12.

(Note: Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

Monday, October 30

- 9:00 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 11800 Wayne)
- 11:59 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 33800 Ecorse)
- 1:54 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:59 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 35200 Michele)
- 4:17 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 8:02 p.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 7200 Hannan)
- 9:48 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6140 Kenwood)

Tuesday, October 31

- 7:37 a.m. – Fight (block of 15000 Colbert)
- 10:51 a.m. – Fight (block of 33400 Eureka)
- 1:10 p.m. – Fight (block of 15000 Hillway)
- 1:29 p.m. – Fight (block of 35800 Garner)
- 2:23 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 16100 Oak Tree)
- 4:18 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:09 p.m. – Assault & Battery (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:49 p.m. – Property Damage/ Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 28600 Burning Tree Plc.)
- 9:19 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:50 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/ Runaway (JC/R) (block of 6400 Merriman)

Wednesday, November 1

- 1:03 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 5840 Merriman)
- 7:19 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 8360 Wahrman)
- 7:52 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 10000 Miriam)
- 8:21 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16300 Hollywood)
- 10:36 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 33500 Beverly)
- 11:22 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34600 Lynn)
- 12:07 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 34600 Julie)
- 1:50 p.m. – Threats (block of 28700 Burning Tree Plc.)

- 2:39 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28600 Burning Tree Plc.)
- 3:45 p.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 31500 Wick)
- 3:54 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 5:12 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:24 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 6200 Middlebelt)
- 6:44 p.m. – JC/R (block of 8400 Wayne)
- 9:20 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6080 Swan Lake Dr.)

Thursday, November 2

- 3:01 a.m. – UDAA (block of 35400 Golden)
- 3:35 a.m. – Rescue (block of 16200 Brandt)
- 4:07 a.m. – UDAA (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 5:00 a.m. – UDAA (block of 39200 Pueblo)
- 5:00 a.m. – UDAA (block of 39200 Montana)
- 6:57 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7050 Lorenz)

- 9:17 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 35200 Wick)
- 10:07 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 29300 Northline)
- 10:51 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28300 Goddard)
- 12:22 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 35600 Margaret)
- 12:34 p.m. – Fight (block of 37300 Wick)
- 3:19 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 38000 Jay Kay Dr.)
- 3:37 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:43 p.m. – Mutual Aid Response (block of 1850 Lexington – City of Inkster)

Friday, November 3

- 7:31 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6850 Merriman)
- 8:11 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30500 Dru)
- 8:14 a.m. – JC/R (block of 32200 Beverly)
- 1:29 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16200 Brandt)
- 2:41 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6230 Cordell)

- 3:05 p.m. – Larceny (block of 12100 Huron River Dr.)
- 3:24 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:41 p.m. – Felonious Assault (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:51 p.m. – Overdose (block of 6770 Merriman)

Saturday, November 4

- 12:57 a.m. – Threats (block of 38900 Tempe)
- 3:19 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 31800 Smith)
- 7:15 a.m. – UDAA (block of 7070 Niagara)
- 12:49 p.m. – Rescue (block of 6740 Middlebelt)
- 1:10 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:07 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28500 S. Maple)
- 3:35 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 15000 Streamway)
- 7:58 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 15700 Oakbrook)
- 8:40 p.m. – Fight (block of 7100 Wayne)
- 10:22 p.m. – Threats (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)

Sunday, November 5

- 2:03 a.m. – Threats (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 7:14 a.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 7070 Niagara)
- 11:37 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28600 N. Maple)
- 12:44 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 12:50 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 11000 Shook)
- 1:04 p.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:13 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:21 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30600 Redwood)
- 3:49 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 33700 Henry Ruff)
- 4:54 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 30500 Dru)
- 5:02 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 16900 Montrose Blvd.)
- 6:29 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 15900 Wahrman)
- 7:05 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 7170 Ozga)
- 8:25 p.m. – JC/R (block of 9460 Washington)

Monday, November 6

- 3:11 a.m. – Larceny (block of 15800 Colbert)
- 8:35 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)

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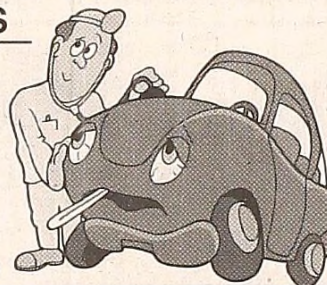
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The Police Blotter

- 9:14 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 37000 Jones)
- 9:42 a.m. – JC/R (block of 30600 Eureka)
- 11:20 a.m. – PD/MDOP (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:31 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 12600 Wayne)
- 12:03 p.m. – UDAA (block of 30700 Cypress)
- 12:51 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:54 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 6730 Niagara)
- 2:30 p.m. – Fight (block of 35400 Ronald)
- 2:57 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 7120 Burton)
- 4:39 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:41 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 7090 Wayne)
- 5:10 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 7090 Wayne)
- 6:26 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 9780 Lisa)
- 7:28 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 10400 Miriam)
- 9:04 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:09 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15700 Taft)

Tuesday, November 7

- 3:00 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 8430 Whitehorn)

- 1:21 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 4:14 p.m. – Threats (block of 6300 Cordell)
- 5:12 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 36900 Wick)
- 7:14 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 8610 Whitehorn)

Wednesday, November 8

- 2:07 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Knoll Way)
- 7:06 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 7:32 a.m. – Missing Person (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 8:11 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28000 Pennsylvania)
- 9:36 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6400 Middlebelt)
- 10:35 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28000 Van Born)
- 10:53 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35500 N. Alexander)
- 11:27 a.m. – Larceny (block of 37700 Castle Dr.)
- 12:25 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 15400 Huron River Dr.)
- 1:44 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 30400 Ecorse)
- 4:19 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 35600 Margaret)
- 4:52 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 7:59 p.m. – Larceny (block of 31500 Wick)

Thursday, November 9

- 12:46 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6160 Tyndall)
- 1:12 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6160 Tyndall)
- 7:33 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28600 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 7:50 a.m. – Wires Down (block of 15000 Inkster)
- 10:53 a.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 37300 Wick)
- 11:38 a.m. – Trespassing (block of 33200 Beverly)
- 1:24 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9200 Inkster)
- 2:17 p.m. – Fight (block of 9400 Washington)
- 4:17 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 4:45 p.m. – Fight (block of 15000 Brandt)
- 5:01 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block 38700 Navajo)
- 6:41 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9090 Wickham)
- 7:44 p.m. – Health & Safety (block of 11400 Whitehorn)
- 8:05 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 30000 Van Born)
- 9:16 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 9650 Wayne)
- 9:26 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 27400 Goddard)
- 10:09 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 15400 Brandt)

Friday, November 10

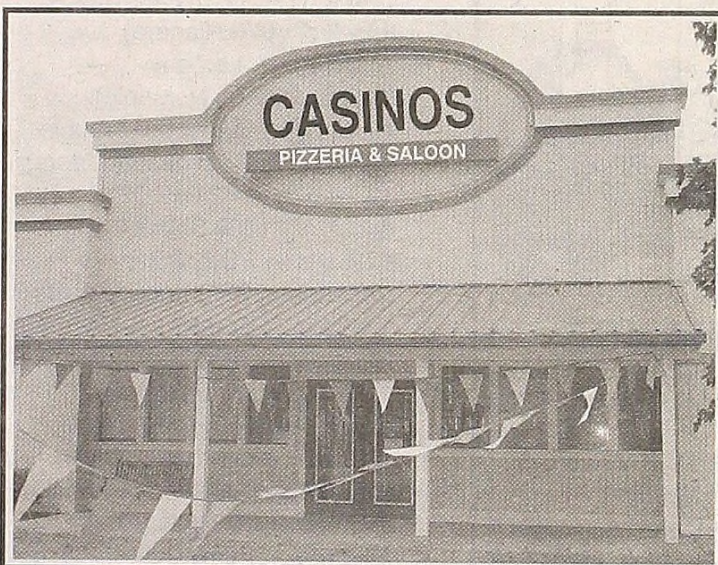
- 12:26 a.m. – Threats (block of 15700 Meadow)
- 12:53 a.m. – OUIL (block of 13000 Middlebelt)
- 8:00 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28800 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 10:52 a.m. – OUIL (block of 9800 Wayne)
- 1:02 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 28200 Wick)
- 1:54 p.m. – JC/R (block of 35500 Margaret)
- 3:55 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 8620 Wahrman)
- 4:16 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 15800 Ridgebrook Path)
- 4:47 p.m. – Larceny (block of 7780 Merriman)
- 6:06 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6070 Second)
- 8:18 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 11200 Wahrman)
- 8:21 p.m. – OUIL (block of 7100 Wayne)

Saturday, November 11

- 2:29 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 5820 Middlebelt)
- 9:27 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6530 Middlebelt)
- 10:51 a.m. – Threats (block of 6010 Airborne)
- 12:21 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 39100 Nottingham Dr.)

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A low-volume leak that occurred at a hazardous-waste injection well facility in Romulus did not contaminate the surrounding area, according to officials at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Torn Godbold, supervisor of the Geological Services section of the DEQ's Office of Geological Survey, said the above-ground fittings on two well heads leaked fluid that remained on-site thanks to the facility's self-containment system. EDS—the company that was operating the well at the time of the incident—reported that the fluid was "rinse water," although the DEQ has not completed testing to confirm that assessment.

Repair work has already been done on both well heads, according to Godbold, and one of the two has passed initial testing by the DEQ. However, the facility will not be given the go-ahead to reopen until the State is satisfied that all problems have been resolved, and the facility's new owner—a company called RDD—has been approved to conduct operations at the site.

When he learned of the recent leak, Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert said he was disappointed, but not surprised.

"Our city has opposed this facility for years because we knew that something like this would happen sooner or later," he explained. "We were lucky this time, but it's just a matter of time before something worse happens."

Lambert believes that the DEQ should permanently shut down the facility—or at least require significantly more stringent safeguards. To that end, he and other interested parties like Taylor Mayor Cameron Priebe are trying to arrange an emergency meeting with the DEQ.

"We haven't given up this fight by any means," said Lambert.

One thing that *did* surprise the mayor was the fact that the facility's developer, Environmental Disposal Systems president Douglas Wicklund, has turned over operations to RDD.

But Wicklund, who prefers the challenge of developing new projects, rather than overseeing day-to-day operations, said that he's ready to move on.

"On December 27, 2005, Michigan's first commercial hazardous-waste injection-well facility opened its doors for business in Romulus," he stated. "I am very proud of EDS's success after 15 years of effort."

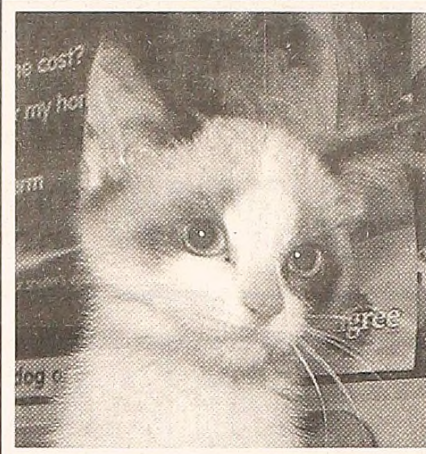
"Now, having accomplished what I set out to do, I have decided to pursue other interests, and allow a new team of professionals to take the lead in developing this project to its full potential."

"I will miss the many friends and associates that I have developed in Romulus over the years, and wish all the very best," he added.

As of press time, spokespersons for RDD, the facility's current owner, had not returned our call seeking comment. □

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- 3:12 p.m. — Breaking & Entering (block of 15300 Harriet)
- 4:38 p.m. — Hunting Complaint (block of 11900 Inkster)
- 4:40 p.m. — JC/R (block of 36000 Eureka)
- 5:18 p.m. — Larceny (block of 37400 Walnut Dr.)
- 5:56 p.m. — Harassment Complaint (block of 12100 Inkster)
- 8:16 p.m. — Loud Music (block of 6950 Canyon)
- 9:16 p.m. — Threats (block of 16400 Harrison)
- 11:21 p.m. — Disturbance (block of 15500 Orchard)
- 11:54 p.m. — Disturbance (block of 34200 Pine Wood Cir.)

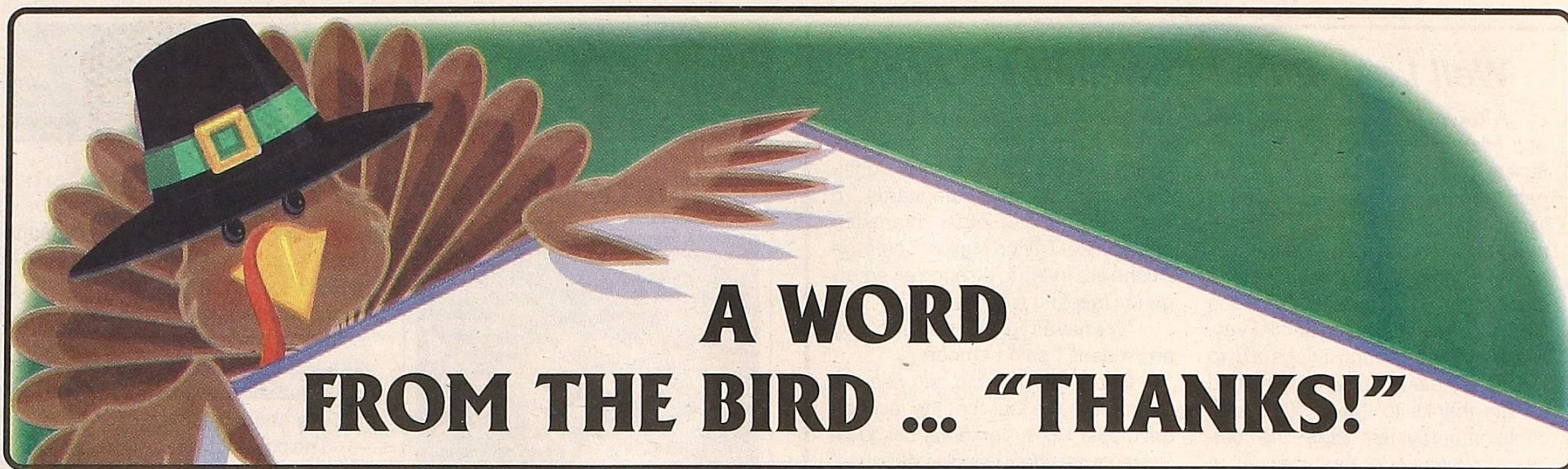
Sunday, November 12

- 2:17 a.m. — Assault & Battery (block of 37300 Ecorse)
- 3:28 a.m. — Larceny (block of 28700 Wick)
- 10:48 a.m. — OUIL (block of 6400 Wayne)
- 10:59 a.m. — PD/MDOP (block of 6830 Middlebelt)
- 12:39 p.m. — Felonious Assault (block of 14400 Huron River Dr.)
- 1:16 p.m. — Disturbance (block of 35600 Margaret)
- 4:28 p.m. — Felonious Assault (block of 6530 Rio Grande)
- 4:31 p.m. — Harassment Complaint (block of 13500 Huron River Dr.)
- 5:22 p.m. — PD/MDOP (block of 14100 Inkster)
- 11:21 p.m. — Assault & Battery (block of 28600 N. Maple) □

Ribbon-cutting Marks Opening of New Real Estate Office in Romulus



Angela Netto & Co. Real Estate officially opened its new Romulus office—located at 12115 Huron River Drive—with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 3. Among those who took part in the ceremony with Netto (center) and her office manager, Phil Butzky (third from right), were various City officials and a welcoming committee from the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce. They included: (from left) Julie Wojtylko (executive assistant to Mayor Alan R. Lambert), Karen LaBelle (executive assistant, Romulus Chamber of Commerce), Harry Crout (Romulus City Councilman), David B. Goodwin (Chamber president), and Bonnie Carre (Chamber treasurer).



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SADD Founder Bob Anastas Inspires RHS Students

Bob Anastas – founder of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions; originally called Students Against Driving Drunk) – recently visited Romulus High School to share his safety message at a student assembly.

Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the Romulus Community Schools, said that Anastas got an excellent response from the students, especially when he gave an example of a hypothetical student-parent dialogue. He asked students if they had ever heard a conversation that started something like this:

"What did you do in school today?"

"Nothing."

"Where are you going this evening?"

"Nowhere."

"Who are you going with?"

"Nobody."

"What are you going to do?"

"Nothing."

So, the parent says, "You're going nowhere with nobody to do nothing? Right!"

Regarding this all-too-common type of non-communication, Anastas told the students, "You don't want to talk much to your parents, and you feel invincible when you take the car out for the evening. But, you get to the party, and some of your friends make some smart remarks, egg you on, and soon you have had too much to drink. However, you still feel invincible, and you try to drive home."

"Well, let me tell you: Each year, 6,000 students don't make it home."

Anastas continued, "I am not going to let you self-destruct this way. I am going to ask you to sign this pledge with your parents. It states that, if you call them, they will come and get you, no questions asked."

"Now, the next day, they might want to review the situation with you, but you have to know that you have this option available to you. Teen peer pressure is tough, and can be vicious. You need to know that you can avoid self-destruction and call for help."



Bob Anastas (right), founder of SADD, talked to Romulus High School senior Devin Searcy (as well as 400 of his classmates) about making a pledge for safety.

Next, Anastas asked for a student volunteer to come up and tell the assembly what he/she would be doing five years from now, and how he/she planned to get there. Afterward, he went around the auditorium and asked different students, "Why didn't you volunteer?"

"I'll tell you why," he answered himself. "You were afraid that, if you came up here, other students would hassle you and/or make fun of you afterward. This is an example of the strong peer pressure that I just talked about."

Anastas concluded the program by asking each student to take a copy of the SADD pledge home and co-sign it with his/her parents/guardians.

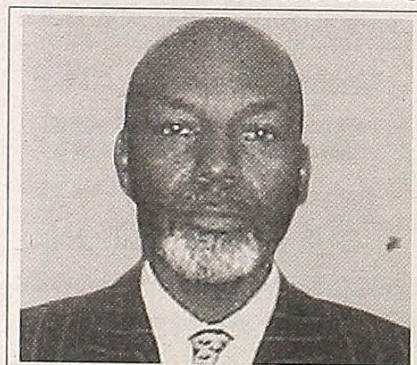
RHS assistant principal Doug Hoffman, who arranged the assembly as part of the school's Red Ribbon Week and Mayor's Drug Task Force Anti-drug Week activities, said that students will also be writing anti-drug essays in their language-arts classes, and that essay winners will join Mayor Alan R. Lambert for a luncheon in the school's Eagles Nest restaurant next month. □

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Band-A-Rama



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James also directed his 85-member Concert Band.



Romulus Middle School band director Mark Fernandez conducted his Symphony Band on two selections.



Romulus High School's Marching Eagles gave their usual exciting finale performance.



Among the Elementary Band All-Stars who performed at the district's Band-A-Rama program were (from left) Ivonne Lewis (Merriman), Courtney Thompson (Merriman), Tiffany Woolford (Wick), Nancy Burcroff (Wick), Gregory Tanner (Cory), Brittany Braxton (Barth), Mantha Lee Wells (Romulus), Jordan Girardin (Romulus), and Jeffrey Fritchman (Halecreek).



Superintendent Carl J. Weiss (left) and Board of Education members Celeste Roscoe (second from left), Thomas Kuderik (third from left), and Kenneth Mientkiewicz (third from right) looked on as members of the Romulus Band Boosters (from left: Sandy Mills, Karen Britz, Christina Lefler, Rob McLachlan, and Theresa McLachlan) showed off the RHS Marching Eagles' new uniforms. The district and the Band Boosters are sharing the cost of the purchase.

Community Calendar

- **Escanaba in da Moonlight** – The Saline Area Players will perform *Escanaba in da Moonlight* – a play written by Michigan's own Jeff Daniels – in the auditorium at Liberty School (formerly the middle school; located at 7265 Ann Arbor Street, Saline). Performance times are set for 8 p.m. on Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18. General admission tickets (\$12 for adults; \$10 for senior citizens and students through grade 12) are available by calling 734-439-8613, visiting the group's Web site at www.salineareaplayers.com, or stopping by the Saline Community Education office.
- **"Toys for Tots" Registration** – Romulus residents can register to receive gifts from the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program at Annapolis Park Church of Christ (corner of Annapolis & Henry Ruff roads, Westland) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, and Saturday, November 26. Applicants must bring picture ID, proof of address, and income verification. For more information on proper documentation, call 313-363-8917.
- **Library Invites Public to Christmas Tree Trim** – Those who attend the Romulus Public Library's annual Christmas Tree Trim – set for 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 2 – will enjoy old-fashioned fun like stringing garlands of popcorn and cranberries, and making homemade ornaments (one for the library's tree, and one to take home). Other highlights will include storytime and picture-taking with Santa, as well as a pizza feast. Although the program is free, space is limited, so advance registration is required. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- **Band Boosters Host Holiday Craft Show** – The Romulus Band Boosters' fourth annual Holiday Craft Show will feature a variety of handmade wares and homemade candy as well as vendor products like Tupperware. The event will be held at Romulus High School on Saturday, December 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tables are still available; for more information, call Christina Lefler 734-955-1662 or 734-776-3569.
- **Holiday Craft & Vendor Bazaar** – Romulus Little League will host its second annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Bazaar at the Romulus VFW Hall (39270 Huron River Drive) on Saturday, December 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other highlights of the event will include a raffle, bake sale, and hot-lunch items. Admission is free. (Note: crafter/vendor spaces are still available. For more information, call 734-331-4114.)
- **Letters from Santa** – To raise money for his upcoming trip to Australia as a "People to People" student ambassador, Romulus student Jeremy Zabik is offering parents a holiday service that's sure to put a smile on any child's face. Youngsters can send a letter to "Santa" and, for a small fee, receive a personalized reply. For each letter desired, send Jeremy \$5 (along with the child's name, address, and a few items from the child's Christmas list) to the following address: 13571 Kent Street, Romulus, MI 48174. Requests must be received by December 11; replies will be mailed no later than December 18 – just in time for the big day.
- **Post Office Seeks Phone Cards for Wounded Soldiers** – The Romulus Post Office (located on Hunt Street in downtown Romulus) is inviting area residents to join their continuing efforts to send prepaid telephone cards to wounded American soldiers who are hospitalized far away from loved ones. Since hospitals like Walter Reed Army Medical Center don't offer patients long-distance phone privileges, soldiers must call family members/friends collect or use phone cards to stay in touch. Cards may be dropped off at the Post Office; cash donations of any amount are also welcome, and will be pooled to purchase additional cards. For more info, call 734-941-3439.
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's new Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions are *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway (December 11) and *Beneath the Ashes* by Sue Henry (January 8). For more information, call 734-942-7589 during the library's regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.

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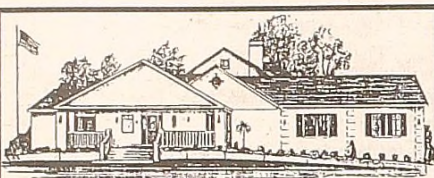
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Among those who attended Barth Elementary's "Spooktacular" Halloween program were: (from left) front – Will Smith, Kelsey Wegrzyn, Emilee Keys, and Kaitlyn Keys; back – Sherry Adams and Daphne Keys-Aberle.



Barth first-graders who won "best costume" awards included Merissa Peterson (left) and Lauren Salmons.

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"Wick World"



During a recent workshop at Wick Elementary, parents like (front, from left) Chrystal Trussell, Cassandra Lindsey, Sam Bonam, and Lonnie Wade received tips on helping their kindergartners from Wayne County Elementary Teacher of the Year Marilyn Wood (back, left) and Karen Justusson.



At Wick's Math Night program, resource teacher Chris Consales (right) played an educational game with students, including: (from left) front – Elijah Proctor, To'neea Williams, and Lasacha Williams; back – Charity Price, Rachel Leonard (with her mother, Kim), and Shema Hibbard.



Among those attending a workshop for after-school tutors were (from left) Debra Hoff, Dana Rodgers (student), Jennifer Cousino, and Paul Perrine.

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REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 23, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, October 23, 2006, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-president Kenneth Mientkiewicz.

Roll call showed members Mientkiewicz, Niema White, Betty Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, April Frayer, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member Celeste Roscoe was absent (excused). Administrators present were: Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent; Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-president Mientkiewicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

10/06/11 Moved by Buckley, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

10/06/12 Moved by Lenossi, supported by White, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2006. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Audit Presentation

10/06/13 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, to accept the Audit Report as presented by Mr. Ron Traskas, Ms. Lois Smythe, and Ms. Kathy Billings of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel, LLP. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Elementary Climate Update, Sue Mitchell, Social Workers, Climate Committee

Ms. Susan Mitchell, Director of Special Services; Mr. Doug Hoffman, Assistant Principal, Romulus High School; and Ms. Sandra MacDonald, School Social Worker, appeared before the Board of Education to outline the Positive Discipline programs throughout the district and the course of action to build on the "Romulus Way" philosophy of respect, responsibility, and resourcefulness.

Personnel Actions

Mr. Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

FYI – RESIGNATION: Terri Moffat, Kindergarten Aide, Romulus Elementary, Effective October 30, 2006; and Donna Zajac, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective September 23, 2006.

FYI – TERMINATION: Myra Phillips-Lockhart, Kindergarten Aide, Romulus Elementary School, Effective October 6, 2006.

Bills for Payment

10/06/14 Moved by Buckley, supported by Frayer, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mrs. Sherri Papazoglou, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Energy Conservation Policy

10/06/15 Moved by White, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee to adopt the Energy Conservation Program. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Rob McLachlan appeared before the Board of Education and informed the Board about a "Win the Band" raffle drawing to be held on November 1st at Band-O-Rama.

Mrs. Roberta Jo Keene addressed the Board of Education and asked that the district get involved in keeping her child in school. Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, will make an appointment with the parent to try to resolve current school issues.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carl J. Weiss, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Barth News; 2) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; and 3) Middle Cities 2006 Annual Report.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz asked about airport hotel taxes, and if there is revenue for the school district.

Mrs. April Frayer is concerned about gym classes being overcrowded at the Middle School. There are not contractual limits for gym classes, according to the administration.

Mrs. Niema White asked about a "My Friends & Me" update. A presentation will be given at the first meeting in November.

Mr. Mientkiewicz asked about the City utilizing school facilities.

Mrs. Frayer announced that Barth Elementary School will be having a "Spooktacular" on October 27, 2006, from 6 to 8 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10/06/16 Moved by Buckley, supported by White, to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing its Superintendent Evaluation. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

10/06/17 Moved by Frayer, supported by Kuderik, to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote – Ayes: Frayer, Buckley, Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, and White. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 9:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

10/06/18 Moved by Frayer, supported by Kuderik, to adjourn. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Niema White, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Obituaries

Dean Burcroff

Dean Burcroff of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, November 3, 2006, at the age of 81.

The native of Holt, Michigan, was born on Tuesday, September 29, 1925.

Dean, a US Navy veteran, was the owner/operator of Burcroff Furniture and Upholstery. A Romulus High School Hall of Fame member with a long history of community service, he was formerly a Romulus Board of Education trustee, a volunteer fireman, a volunteer at Riverside Hospital, and a member of the Jaycees. He was also a member of the Charlie Lau Memorial Committee and the Civil War Roundtable.

Surviving Dean are his daughter, Susan (Allan) DeKoninck (Fowlerville, MI); 6 sons, Fred (Cathy) Burcroff (Beulah, MI), Neil Burcroff (Lansing, MI),

James (Cecilia) Burcroff (Romulus), Roger (Kathy) Burcroff (Canton, MI), LeRoy (Jerilynn) Burcroff (Romulus), and John (Kelly) Burcroff (Kalamazoo, MI); a brother, Paul (Beverly) Burcroff (Clayton, MI); and 22 grandchildren.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Fred and Bessie (Lewis) Burcroff; his wife, Shirley D. (Mann) Burcroff; and 2 brothers, Jack Burcroff and Miles E. LaFollet.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 7, at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus) and at Somerset Cemetery (MI), with Reverend Mark Miller, CUMC pastor, officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes to CUMC would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Ellen Frasier

Ellen Frasier of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2006, at the age of 87.

The native of Trenton, Michigan, was born on Monday, March 24, 1919.

Ellen is survived by a son, George S. (Rhonda) McQuiston (Belleville); a daughter, Diana E. (Dale) Tebo (Piggott, AR); a stepdaughter, Sharon Brown (Ewart, MI); 6 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were her husband, Alvin McQuiston;

her parents, Oliver and Ida Lemerand; 3 sisters, Bernice, Florence, and Irma; 3 brothers, Floyd, Theodore, and Arnold; and a stepson, John McQuiston.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes to Arbor Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

John A. Gelormino

John A. Gelormino of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, November 10, 2006, at the age of 56.

The native of Ypsilanti, Michigan, was born on Wednesday, June 14, 1950.

John – a US Marine Corps veteran – was active in veterans' affairs, and was the chief organizer of the Veterans of Michigan United Motorcycle Club. His interests also included deer hunting and playing euchre.

Surviving John are his wife, Coralee Kay (Burdine); a son, Andrew A. Gelormino (Romulus); 2 daughters, Chrystal L. (Kevin) Trussell (Romulus) and Jullian M. (Jeffrey) Collins (Lincoln Park, MI); 5 grandchildren; his father, Edward J. Gelormino; 2 brothers, Edward Gelormino (Jackson, MI) and James (Peggy) Gelormino (Tecumseh, MI); and 2 sisters, Peggy (Gary) Dunstan (Belleville, MI) and Maryanna Pitts (Sarasota, FL).

Among those who preceded him in passing was his mother, Lorena (Nash) Gelormino).

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 14, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian Church USA (Canton, MI) officiating. Cremation rites are to be accorded.



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Susan Kay Meyer

Susan Kay Meyer of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, October 31, 2006, at the age of 63.

Susan – born on Monday, August 23, 1943, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada – enjoyed playing on her computer, working word search and crossword puzzles, and playing cards and bingo.

Surviving Susan are her husband, Lloyd B. Meyer; a daughter, Jeanne K. Longwish (Romulus); 2 sons, Ronald Poddam (Romulus) and Richard Poddam (Detroit, MI); a stepson, Lloyd B. Meyer, Jr. (Tulsa, OK); a stepdaughter,

Kim (Wade) Wines (Pinckney, MI); a brother, Robert (Gail) Griffin (Tawas City, MI); and 12 grandchildren.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Clarence A. and Katherine E. (Flurett) Griffin, and a brother, Clarence Griffin.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, November 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Roger Lands, pastor of Glad Tidings Worship Center–Church of God (Ypsilanti, MI), officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Joyce N. Stears

Joyce N. Stears of Payson, Arizona, passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2006, at the age of 78.

The native of Romulus, Michigan, was born on April 28, 1928.

Joyce – along with her husband, the late William E. Stears, who passed away on October 26, 1987 – was the former owner/operator of Stears Hardware, a Romulus business now operated by their children. Her interests included painting and cooking as well as going to casinos.

Surviving Joyce are her son, William E. (Billie-Jo) Stears, Jr. (Romulus); 3 daughters, Kathleen N. Stears (Belleville, MI), Sally L. (Richard) Waugh (St. Croix), and Peggy M. (Roger) Staten

(Romulus); a brother, Junior (Lorraine) Block (Romulus); 3 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; and her companion, Roger Fowler.

Among those who predeceased her was her brother, Earl Stears, who passed away in 1980.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, November 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Geoffrey Drutchas of St. Paul United Church of Christ (Taylor, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes to St. Paul Church would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Mariann Whaling

Mariann Whaling of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, October 23, 2006, at the age of 69.

She is survived by 5 children, Donna (Kurt) Stapish, Scott (Gloria) Whaling, Carole Morrow, Cindy Stokes, and Robert (Mary) Whaling; a sister, Nancy (Jes-

sie) King; 3 brothers, Donald (Vicki) Wright, Bill Wright, and Mike (Judy) Jones; and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, November 4, at the Upper Peninsula Club at Monahan Lake (South Lyon, MI). □

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